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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF MEDICAID BENEFITS TO CERTAIN CHILDLESS ADULTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-261 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2011*):

4 (a) Medical assistance shall be provided for any otherwise eligible
5 person whose income, including any available support from legally
6 liable relatives and the income of the person's spouse or dependent
7 child, is not more than one hundred forty-three per cent, pending
8 approval of a federal waiver applied for pursuant to subsection (e) of
9 this section, of the benefit amount paid to a person with no income
10 under the temporary family assistance program in the appropriate
11 region of residence and if such person is an institutionalized
12 individual as defined in Section 1917(c) of the Social Security Act, 42
13 USC 1396p(c), and has not made an assignment or transfer or other
14 disposition of property for less than fair market value for the purpose
15 of establishing eligibility for benefits or assistance under this section.
16 Any such disposition shall be treated in accordance with Section

17 1917(c) of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1396p(c). Any disposition of
 18 property made on behalf of an applicant or recipient or the spouse of
 19 an applicant or recipient by a guardian, conservator, person
 20 authorized to make such disposition pursuant to a power of attorney
 21 or other person so authorized by law shall be attributed to such
 22 applicant, recipient or spouse. A disposition of property ordered by a
 23 court shall be evaluated in accordance with the standards applied to
 24 any other such disposition for the purpose of determining eligibility.
 25 The commissioner shall establish the standards for eligibility for
 26 medical assistance at one hundred forty-three per cent of the benefit
 27 amount paid to a family unit of equal size with no income under the
 28 temporary family assistance program in the appropriate region of
 29 residence. Except as provided in section 17b-277, the medical
 30 assistance program shall provide coverage to (1) persons under the age
 31 of nineteen with family income up to one hundred eighty-five per cent
 32 of the federal poverty level without an asset limit, [and to] (2) persons
 33 under the age of nineteen and their parents and needy caretaker
 34 relatives, who qualify for coverage under Section 1931 of the Social
 35 Security Act, with family income up to one hundred eighty-five per
 36 cent of the federal poverty level without an asset limit, and (3) on and
 37 after January 1, 2014, childless adults with income that does not exceed
 38 one hundred thirty-three per cent of the federal poverty level without
 39 an asset limit in accordance with the provisions of the Patient
 40 Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148. Such levels shall be
 41 based on the regional differences in such benefit amount, if applicable,
 42 unless such levels based on regional differences are not in
 43 conformance with federal law. Any income in excess of the applicable
 44 amounts shall be applied as may be required by said federal law, and
 45 assistance shall be granted for the balance of the cost of authorized
 46 medical assistance. The Commissioner of Social Services shall provide
 47 applicants for assistance under this section, at the time of application,
 48 with a written statement advising them of [(1)] (A) the effect of an
 49 assignment or transfer or other disposition of property on eligibility
 50 for benefits or assistance, [(2)] (B) the effect that having income that
 51 exceeds the limits prescribed in this subsection will have with respect

52 to program eligibility, and [(3)] (C) the availability of, and eligibility
53 for, services provided by the Nurturing Families Network established
54 pursuant to section 17b-751b. Persons who are determined ineligible
55 for assistance pursuant to this section shall be provided a written
56 statement notifying such persons of their ineligibility and advising
57 such persons of the availability of HUSKY Plan, Part B health
58 insurance benefits.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	17b-261(a)

HS *Joint Favorable*